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SUBJECT: JOINT SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION: LETTER FROM SECRE-
TARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC, THE ORIGINAL
OF WHICH WAS SIGNED ON MARCH 27, AND POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. BEGIN TEXT - "DEAR MR. SECRETARY: DURING OUR MEETING
ON MARCH 8 WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY THE
PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, ABOUT
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WHICH YOU HAD WRITTEN ME ON JANUARY 30.

3. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN OF MUTUAL
BENEFIT AND HAS ENABLED SCIENTISTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO
KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER, TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER'S WORK AND
TO DEVELOP JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS. WE HAVE FOUND THAT
MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS HAVE MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO

OUR STORE OF KNOWLEDGE. BEYOND THIS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND DESERVES CONTINUED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT. WE THEREFORE UNDERTOOK A MAJOR EFFORT TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO EXTEND OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM ON THE SOUNDEST POSSIBLE BASIS.

4. AS I INDICATED DURING OUR MEETING, WE HAVE DECIDED TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE CONGRESS FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$7 MILLION WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE THE US SHARE OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WITH YUGOSLAVIA. I NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS PREPARED TO MATCH THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND, AS EVIDENCE OF ITS COMMITMENT TO TRULY COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL CONTINUE THE PROGRAM AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS UNTIL NOW.

5. AS A FIRST STEP IN ENSURING THAT THE PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT FUNDING PROBLEMS, I PROPOSE THAT WE EXTEND THE CURRENT S & T AGREEMENT, DUE TO EXPIRE IN JULY, IN A WAY WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THIS PROPOSED NEW FUNDING.

6. INASMUCH AS THE JOINT FUND CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF OVER \$4 MILLION, EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL ALSO ENABLE US TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE COOPERATIVE

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PROJECTS AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL UNTIL US FISCAL YEAR 1980 (WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 1979), BY WHICH TIME WE HOPE THAT CONGRESS WILL HAVE APPROPRIATED THE \$7 MILLION WE INTEND TO REQUEST.

7. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IN THIS MANNER WE CAN SUSTAIN THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WHICH OUR SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS HAVE PURSUED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON APRIL 3 TO 7. AT THAT TIME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

8. FINALLY, LET ME EXPRESS MY PERSONAL SATISFACTION THAT OUR MEETING LAST WEEK CONTRIBUTED TO THE PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND TO A RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL QUESTIONS. IN THIS REGARD, I RECALL AND WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE CORRESPOND ON APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS WHICH NEED NOT BE ADDRESSED BY OUR PRESIDENTS. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE." END TEXT. COOPER

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